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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 18, 1975

FOR: GENERAL SCOWCROFT
FROM: Bud McFarlane

General, I have passed the attached to
Larry. Will keep you posted.

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 18, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:

BRENT SCOWCROFT

FROM:

DON RUMSFELD

My office received this telephone message. I would be curious to know what the status of this matter is and what the actual facts are. It is receiving a good deal of attention.

Attachment

August 6, 1975

TELEPHONE MESSAGE

Dr. David Hamburg
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He dictated the following:

I was the Stanford representative in the recent Africa kidnap case in Tansania, involving four students from Stanford. I was in Tansania for two months, working on the case in behalf of the four students, whom have now been released. During this time I worked very closely with Ambassador Beverly Carter. Immediately following this successful resolution of the case, Ambassador called Washington for urgent consultation. The families and the students and I all assumed this this call to Washington was for a promotion since Ambassador Carter had done brilliant work on the case. In fact, we think he is mainly responsible for saving our lives. We all sent messages last week to President Ford and Secretary Kissinger congratulating the Administration and especially Ambassador Carter for the marvelous job. A couple of days ago, I had a call from Carl Rowan, indicating that he had learned from State Department sources two items:

1. Shortly before leaving for Helsinki, President Ford had signed papers appointing Ambassador Carter Ambassador to Denmark. We believe that was an excellent and appropriate recognition for his accomplishment.
2. The Secretary of State quite possibly without the President's knowledge had fired Ambassador Carter for alleged violations of the US terrorism policy in our case. We understand that he was told there would be no more ambassadorial posts and that he could go to the USIA, but here was not a post available there at his level. If true, we regard this as humiliating and unacceptable. We hope very strongly that this report is in

error. If the Secretary has made such a decision, we regard it as outrageously unjust, arbitrary and unfair. The parents the students who have been freed, and the University officials have conferred on those problems and we would feel obliged to fight it publicly as hard as possible. We are sure this would draw major public attention for several major reasons:

1. Several of the major national interview programs have invited the students and they have great admiration for the Ambassador and would discuss the problems on these programs.

2. We have made arrangements today, if necessary, to provide the full account to the New York Times and the Los Angeles Times.

3. Carl Rowan is prepared to write a national column on the subject.

4. We have made contact with several members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. We have not yet made any public announcement, because we hope the report is an error, but we are prepared to do so if necessary.

Carl Rowan says that Secretary Kissinger's decision is being reconsidered this week. Perhaps there had been a misunderstanding. We certainly hope so. We are quite sure Ambassador Carter can answer any charges made against him. All of us familiar with the facts of the case, would be glad to discuss any charges with Mr. Rumsfeld or anyone he would designate. We would if necessary, testify at Congressional hearings or anyother forum.

I am calling Mr. Rumsfeld because of his excellent reputation of fairness and integrity. We are asking him to call this to the President's attention. We cannot believe that a man of the President's decency and judgment would permit such an unjust course of action.

Mr. Rumsfeld: I asked the professor if he had contacted Ambassador Carter and he replied that the action he and the others involved were taking was at their own initiative and that they had not had any contact with the Ambassador.

Judy
1:15PM